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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please enter this amendment prior to calculation of the filing fees. This amendment is based on the translation of the application **as amended** on November 18, 2000.

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A1 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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